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to suggest ways and means by which a scientific glossary of technical terms, scientific and otherwise, may be prepared for adoption in the regional language.

Tamil medium in colleges.

* 2874 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the recommendations of the conference of Educationists and other interested people held on 18th June 1955; and

(*b*) what is the decision of Government thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) It was generally agreed at the conference that active steps should be taken towards introducing the regional language as the medium of instruction in colleges.

(*b*) The Government have constituted a Committee composed of experienced Educationists and Experts in the several subjects to consider the further steps to be taken in the matter.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is it because of the composite nature of our State? If so, will the Government think about the feasibility of adopting Tamil as the language for administrative purposes after the implementation of the States Reorganization Commission's Report?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : It will be considered at the proper time.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : May I know which is the proper time?

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am on my legs. Is it a fact that the administration in Tiruchirappalli district is being carried on in Tamil as an experimental measure for some years past and if so, how is it consistent that many of the Heads of Departments in the Tiruchirappalli district are non-Tamilians?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : That was the reason why the experiment was not making any progress. Now we are posting Tamilian officers there to be in charge of the various Departments.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, what are the conclusions that have been arrived at in the recent Conference so as to introduce Tamil as the medium of instruction in the colleges? Who are the Members of the Legislature who were invited to this Conference and what are their special qualifications? On what basis were they invited to the Conference at the expense of others who are also equally interested in the matter? (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, the general conclusion reached in the Conference was that it should be possible to adopt the regional language as the medium of instruction in the

collegiate stage also. That was agreed to. As regards the Members who were invited, we could not invite a large number. Then it would not be a Conference but it may be a fair. Taking this into consideration, we had to limit the number. The following legislators were invited :—

(1) Sri P. Jeevanandam.

(2) Sri O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar.

(3) Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar.

(4) Sri T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai.

(5) Sri P. T. Rajan.

(6) Sri K. Balasubramanya Ayyar.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : From the names that have been read out by the Hon. Minister, it is found that no Members from Malabar were included in the Committee constituted for the purpose of going into the question of languages. As the other Members of the Committee who may be Tamilians or Telugus cannot go into the question of the Malayalam language, may I know why no Member or educational expert from Malabar was included in this Committee?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, whatever decisions are taken with reference to the Tamil language will be applicable to the other regional languages also. Therefore, it was thought better to consider the question of one language and then try to apply that principle to the other languages also. I may also inform the hon. Member of the difficulty with regard to the Malayalam language. We cannot take a decision ourselves with reference to the Malayalam language. We will have to consult the Travancore-Cochin Government because that is the main area where Malayalam is prevalent. Therefore we thought that we should confine it to the Tamil language in the initial stages.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும் 9-40 a.m.
போது அந்த மகாநாட்டில் தீர்மானித்த விஷயங்களையெல்லாம் அமுல் நடத்துவதற்குத் தீர்மானிக்கப்பட்டதென்று சொன்னார்கள். நிச்சயமாக அடுத்த ஆண்டிலேயே கல்லூரிகளில் தமிழை போதனாமொழியாக ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு முடியுமா, அல்லது எத்தனை ஆண்டுகள் ஆகும் ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : அடுத்த ஆண்டில் முடியும் என்று எனக்குத் தோன்றவில்லை. எவ்வளவு சீக்கிரம் இதை அமுலில் கொண்டுவர முடியும் என்பதைப்பற்றியும் கமிட்டியார் யோசனை சொல்வார்கள்.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : When the language itself is known as the mother-tongue, why were not the representatives invited to this all-fathers conference?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think fathers should discuss about the mother-tongue. That is why only fathers were invited and mothers were left out.